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## SOUTH AFRICA AND ASIATICS.

*The Transvaal Making Very Stringent Regulations for Total Exclusion of All Asiatics.*

The movement in the Transvaal, cabled about yesterday, to boycott Asiatics is not a blow at Japan, except as she may be affected by an agitation against Chinese and British Indians which is extended to all Asiatics in anticipation of a possible Japanese question. There are practically no Japanese in the Transvaal, but only a few years ago thousands of Chinese laborers were imported. The conditions under which they lived and labored quickly produced popular objection to them, and an exclusion movement as severe and brutal as Australia's expulsion of the kanakas is in full swing. The country is determined not to have cheap laborers of this class, and it has already gone so far as to pass laws designed to practically keep them out of business. The Asiatics simply declined to obey a law requiring them all to register or be deported and the government cannot carry it out, it is stated, because the number guilty and subject to deportation is too large to handle.

This is all a part of a world wide sentiment which Japan has been quick to recognize. As has been so often said, there is no matter of race feeling or question of superiority of races involved. It is simply that the one race lives and works so much more cheaply than the other that as laborers the two can never live together peacefully. It may some day be regarded as one of the greatest of the many high characteristics of the present remarkable statesmen of the new Japan, that they were able so quickly to grasp this situation and handle it for themselves. It all points to very grave danger of a conflict for supremacy some day when the East is all awake. If it ever comes it will be one that will truly stagger humanity.

## MANILA COMPLAINED—AND WON.

*Merchants of the Philippine Capital Cause the War Department to Give Their City the Local Business That Is Naturally Theirs.*

Local merchants, contractors and others have long lived in the expectation that the carrying out of big federal contracts here would add to local prosperity, furnishing employment to labor and causing purchases of supplies of all sorts in the Honolulu market. They have seen, that the labor and even the contracting is going to cheap Asiatic laborers and contractors, but there has been little or no protest. The slow inauguration of a policy which means that this port will not get the benefit of the millions to be spent, seems to arouse no protest. The public bodies which might naturally take it up have so far been quiescent in the matter, though it is a very serious one. These remarks are suggested in part by an agitation in which the city of Manila has just won a victory at Washington. It is best made known in the following congratulatory editorial from a Manila Cable News-American of January 8: "Tardy justice has been done the business men and producers of these islands by the War Department of Washington in the ordering of supply officers of the army in the Philippines to buy all goods here whenever possible, and to compute the prices on a basis of freight, packing and collection costs added to shipments from the United States.

"In a word hereafter the purchasing department of the army will give the preference to Philippine merchants. If a tinpan can be bought in the Philippines for the same or less price than in America, taking into consideration what it costs to ship it from America, then it will be bought here. Until now the merchant here had to sell as cheaply as firms in the United States; a practical impossibility. No account was taken by the army of the cost of transportation either from the United States to Manila or from Manila to the place in the provinces where the articles were to be used.

"Now the local business man, either in Manila, Zamboanga or elsewhere in the archipelago, will get the benefit of the distance. It will be a stimulus to trade here and throughout the islands. It is a sign of the times. The merchants of the Philippines are gradually coming into their own."

## FLEET ENTERTAINMENT IN HONOLULU.

The Star does not think it possible to handle the "twenty thousand or so" of the fleet at any specialized entertainment—such as an open-air barbecue lasting three days—but coyly suggests a ball in the throne room. A reception in the front hall of the Capitol might also do unless "twenty thousand" would make the space look too ample—Advertiser.

The Advertiser at times displays wondrous capacity for getting things wrong. The Star did not say anything about whether it was "possible" to entertain the men, but suggested that it seemed too great an undertaking and was probably inadvisable, as it might concentrate shore leaves into a day or two and shorten the fleet's stay here. The Star did not suggest a ball for the "twenty thousand or so," but merely for the officers. It did not suggest a "ball in the throne room" at all, but a ball in an enlarged throne room such as was made for Dole's inaugural.

It is to be presumed that Admiral Evans will want to allow all his men at least some shore leave if it is possible, and that he will not allow more than three or four thousand at a time. An easy calculation shows that this means a visit of some length while the men take turns. The Star's suggestion was merely that an effort to entertain the whole lot at once, might crowd shore leaves.

Look for the big battleship fleet about July 4.

The torpedo flotilla is following, not preceding, the battleships and is now in the straits with Evans.

In view of Japan's attitude in the immigration matter, it would not be surprising to find a developing tendency among Japanese here to become American citizens. So far they have preferred their own nationality. But the order made in Tokio stopping further immigration here is to an extent an abandonment by Japan of territory which she may one day have thought would in the natural course of commercial

# The Man and His Job

By HERBERT J. HAPGOOD.

All kinds of betting is not bad. Bet yourself against your job. Would that be a safe bet in your case? All kinds of people are willing to take all kinds of chances betting on some chance outside of themselves, but we don't hear much about fellows betting their own individual ability against somebody's needs.

Bet yourself against the New Year—against every possible obstacle and drawback it may hold in store for you—and you have got something to exercise your brain cells that is at least more profitable than the average New Year resolution, which doesn't last January out.

What do you think of the two rival salesmen who bet \$200 against a drop of water on a window pane in a Pullman car? There were two drops coursing slowly down the pane, and the bet was that \$200 should go to the man whose drop reached the window sill first. Thus a neat little sum, that would have served a clever man as a nest egg for making a fortune, went to the backer of the winning drop—a smart enough and silly enough exhibition of scandalous expenditure to ruin any man if kept up to the limit.

Those two salesmen evidently thought they were doing a pretty smart stunt, but how much smarter would it not have been if they had bet themselves against the common object of their own particular job.

It might have taken a year to decide the winner, who by that time would have outgrown his job and risen to higher honors, and the loser would have been a winner, on a smaller scale, in emulating his rival's success.

It is the old, old story of searching for novelty or truth or success—call it what you will—in some far fetched way, in some far distant relation or place or condition, when as a matter of fact, these things are not to be found externally but within your own personal self.

The man who can concentrate on himself—and that, to a good man, means his job—has a better chance than ever at success with a big "S" because the demand in these hard times is for men who are not only willing and able, but who can do fifty per cent more work, and who will do it for twenty-five per cent less wages, than they have ever done before. Bet yourself against your job. 'Tis your one best bet.

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## Tales Worth Telling

### KNOTTY LEGAL POINT.

Pierre Cartier, a Parisian jeweler of the beautiful and gay Rue de la Paix, said the other night in this city that American women wore jewels with better taste than any other women in the world.

"Can they be deceived on jewels?" a girl reporter asked. "Will counterfeit gems delude American women?"

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"Here is a case in point—the deluding of a very sharp, smart, quick lawyer."

"Mr. Barr, a gentleman said to this lawyer at a dinner, 'I would like your opinion on a knotty point of law. An uncle of mine has a peacock, and last fall it got into a neighbor's garden and laid an egg there. The neighbor claimed the egg, my uncle claimed it as well, and the two have been fighting and squabbling over the matter ever since. Now, sir, what is the law on the question?'"

"It is an easy question to settle," said the lawyer, with a patronizing smile. "Admitting that the egg was laid on the neighbor's ground, the

neighbor nevertheless has no claim to it unless he can prove that the owner of the bird took no steps to prevent it from straying. In a precedent case—"

"Excuse me," said the other man, "but this case has no precedent."

"Well," said the lawyer, "you know more law than I, do you? I remember distinctly a precedent case where—"

"No, you don't," said the other. "What do you mean?" exclaimed the lawyer, angrily.

"I mean," was the firm reply, "that you never heard before of a peacock laying an egg."

### THE BETTER ONE.

An illustrator, whose work for the magazines is now generally admired, tells a story of his early days, when his lines were not in such easy places as they are now.

"I was pretty hard up," he says, "and in the West was once obliged to make a living by quick paintings at country fairs. I remember how, on one such occasion, I was surrounded by a crowd gazing rapidly at my work. I was hurriedly conveying the colors from the tubes to my palette and from thence to the cheap stuff they called canvas, very anxious to get the effect desired and to be through with the job as I was desperately hungry. The man nearest to me was absorbed.

"Say," he finally exclaimed 'you're clever, all right, painting two pictures at once.' Then, after a pause, he added 'But that one you got your thumb through is better than the other.'"

development become hers even if there was no war. Moreover the order gives a distinct value to a Japanese footing in the islands which it never had before.

The Manila Cable News-American is authority for the statement that Judge Willey has won, and will not even be investigated. The statement if true applies, however, to a State Department investigation and it is still possible, though not likely, that Lorrin Andrews and others may get the matter of their charges before the Senate.

The Portuguese police surely had enough warnings to make them vigilant in guarding their king. A den of conspirators was raided on January 22 and about forty arrests were made. In a dispatch under date of January 23 it is stated that the police had unearthed evidence of a revolt planned for January 31—almost the date of the assassinations.

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